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Contractor License Revocations

~ Board imposes nearly \$135,000 in fines for legal violations ~

RICHMOND – The Virginia Board for Contractors issued 25 license revocations at its most recent meeting Tuesday, July 6. Following is a summary of the Board's actions.

Copies of the file orders are available online at www.dpor.virginia.gov under "License Lookup."

Fines are deposited directly into the state Literary Fund, which is used solely for public education purposes such as school construction, renovation, and teacher retirement funding.

DANIEL A. REED trading as DANIEL A. REED MASTER ELECTRICIAN ROANOKE, VA

File Number 2004-02490

COMPLAINANT – Demetrius Johnson (Roanoke, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Reed failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; failed to complete work for which he contracted; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; failed to respond to an investigator; and failed to satisfy a court judgment.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705074321 and a \$10,300 fine.

JOHN W. SCHWALLER III trading as THE ROOF DOCTOR OF ROANOKE ROANOKE, VA

File Number 2004-01158

COMPLAINANT – Peter Larkin (Roanoke, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Schwaller failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; failed to complete work for which he contracted; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; failed to respond to an investigator; and failed to satisfy a court judgment.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705068170 and a \$7,000 fine.

File Number 2004-01816

COMPLAINANT – Barry Kuhlik (Fincastle, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Schwaller failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; failed to complete work for which he contracted; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705068170 and a \$6,500 fine.

File Number 2004-01879

COMPLAINANT – Betty and Ike Carper (Roanoke, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Schwaller failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; failed to complete work for which he contracted; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; and failed to satisfy a court judgment.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705068170 and a \$6,500 fine.

DAVID G. MOORE, JR. trading as MOORE'S HOME IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTORS DANVILLE, VA

File Number 2003-03157

COMPLAINANT – Jerry Crenshaw (Danville, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Moore failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; engaged in misconduct by failing to complete work for which he contracted; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION - Revocation of License No. 2705064583 and a \$2,700 fine.

ERIC R. CRAFTON trading as CRAFTON'S HOME IMPROVEMENTS FRANKLIN, VA

File Number 2003-02912

COMPLAINANT - Shelvy Hunt (Franklin, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Crafton failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; practiced outside his class of license; failed to complete work for which he contracted; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705063418 and a \$9,000 fine.

DOMINION BUILDERS II INC.

NORFOLK, VA

File Number 2004-00020

COMPLAINANT – Ella Hayes (Chesapeake, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Dominion failed to operate in the name in which the license was issued; failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; failed to obtain the required building permit; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; and failed to notify the Board of a change of address.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705070015 and a \$1,450 fine.

File Number 2004-00861

COMPLAINANT – Patty Frashure (Chesapeake, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Dominion failed to operate in the name in which the license was issued; failed to execute a fully written contract and failed to include all required provisions in the contract; failed to honor the terms and conditions of a warranty; failed to obtain the required building permit; and failed to notify the Board of a change of address.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705070015 and a \$2,250 fine.

File Number 2004-01279

COMPLAINANT – Debra and Daniel Schroeder (Virginia Beach, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Dominion failed to operate in the name in which the license was issued; failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; failed to obtain the required building permit; failed to complete work for which it contracted; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; failed to honor the terms and conditions of a warranty; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705070015 and a \$9.050 fine.

File Number 2004-01310

COMPLAINANT – Kathryn West (Norfolk, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Dominion failed to operate in the name in which the license was issued; failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; failed to complete work for which it contracted; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705070015 and a \$2,150 fine.

GAYLES ENTERPRISES LLC trading as A-ONE HOME IMPROVEMENTS & REPAIRS NORFOLK, VA

File Number 2004-01261

COMPLAINANT – Leah Gonzales (Virginia Beach, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Gayles failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; practiced outside its classification and class of license; failed to obtain written change orders for modifications to the contract; failed to obtain the required building permits; engaged in negligence and/or incompetence by performing work containing deficiencies; and retained funds related to uncompleted contract items.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705074946 and a \$12,000 fine.

R & R CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT, INC. CHESAPEAKE. VA

File Number 2004-00641

COMPLAINANT – Sharon and Willie Gray, Jr. (Portsmouth, VA)

VIOLATIONS – R & R failed to operate in the name in which the license was issued; failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; contracted with an unlicensed subcontractor in the delivery of services; failed to obtain written change orders for modifications to the contract; engaged in misconduct by failing to meet industry and code standards; and failed to complete work for which it contracted.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705069074 and a \$9,000 fine.

JOHN H. WEEKS trading as WEEKS CONSTRUCTION CHESAPEAKE, VA

File Number 2003-02662

COMPLAINANT - Dr. Ronald L.G. Bonheur (Norfolk, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Weeks failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; failed to comply with the terms of the contract; failed to complete work for which he contracted; engaged in improper or dishonest conduct in the practice of contracting; failed to respond to an investigator; and failed to satisfy a court judgment.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2701034827 and a \$3,500 fine.

EARL G. BAILEY trading as BAILEY'S CUSTOM BUILDERS HAMPTON, VA

File Number 2003-01218

COMPLAINANT – Larry Hooper (Newport News, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Bailey failed to execute a fully written contract and failed to include all required provisions in the contract; failed to complete work for which he contracted; failed to obtain a final inspection; engaged in improper or dishonest conduct in the practice of contracting; failed to respond to an investigator; and failed to satisfy a court judgment.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705066675 and a \$4,000 fine.

KENNETH L. HUDDLE trading as K L HUDDLE ENTERPRISES VIRGINIA BEACH, VA

File Number 2003-02597

COMPLAINANT – Harold Gaskill, Virginia Beach Permits and Inspections Division VIOLATIONS – Huddle engaged in misconduct by not following the building code and failed to correct building code violations.

BOARD ACTION - Revocation of License No. 2705055385 and a \$2,500 fine.

File Number 2003-03420

COMPLAINANT – Ruben Denina (Virginia Beach, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Huddle failed to include all required provisions in the contract; failed to complete work for which he contracted; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705055385 and a \$3,350 fine.

File Number 2004-00596

COMPLAINANT – Dale Darr (Virginia Beach, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Huddle failed to operate in the name in which the license was issued; failed to execute a fully written contract and failed to include all required provisions in the contract; and retained funds related to uncompleted contract items.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705055385 and a \$3,600 fine.

ROSE M. WIELAND trading as BEACHSIDE CONTRACTORS VIRGINIA BEACH, VA

File Number 2003-02186

COMPLAINANT – Sally and Richard Lippert (Virginia Beach, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Wieland failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; practiced outside his specialty and class of license; failed to obtain written change orders for modifications to the contract; failed to obtain required permits; failed to complete work for which he contracted; and retained funds related to uncompleted contract items.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705066001 and a \$15,000 fine.

JAMES W. CLARKSON trading as CLARKSON ROOFING & HOME IMPROVEMENT WAKE, VA

File Number 2004-01451

COMPLAINANT – Linwood D. Englehart (Shacklefords, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Clarkson failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; failed to honor the terms and conditions of a warranty; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705059649 and a \$4,250 fine.

MICHAEL P. DONOHUE trading as DONOHUE PAVING POTOMAC FALLS, VA

File Number 2003-03457

COMPLAINANT – Leslie Scalzott (Clifton, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Donohue failed to operate in the name in which the license was issued; failed to include all required provisions in the contract; failed to honor the terms and conditions of a warranty; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705068422 and a \$5,000 fine.

TIMOTHY E. THOMAS trading as ACTION ELECTRIC RICHMOND, VA

File Number 2003-02244

COMPLAINANT – Dr. Suresh and Seema Gharse (Richmond, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Thomas failed to include all required provisions in the written contract; practiced outside his class of license; failed to complete work for which he contracted; engaged in misconduct by failing to submit required plans for a permit; and failed to satisfy a court judgment.

BOARD ACTION - Revocation of License No. 2705060058 and a \$8,750 fine.

GLOBAL COATINGS AND REMODELING, INC. RICHMOND, VA

File Number 2003-03446

VIOLATIONS – Sylvester Clay, the company's Qualified Individual and Responsible Management, furnished substantially inaccurate or incomplete information to the Board in obtaining a license. BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705076189 and a \$2,000 fine.

GEORGE BRIAN HARRIS CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA

File Number 2002-02826

COMPLAINANT – Forrest Unrath (Columbia, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Harris' misdemeanor conviction for unlicensed contracting violates the Board's statute and regulations. In addition, Harris practiced outside his license classification and failed to obtain required building permits.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2710007774 and a \$950 fine.

STAT CONSTRUCTION, INC. ROCKVILLE, MD

File Number 2003-02321

COMPLAINANT – Virginia Sprinkler Company Inc. (Ashland, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Stat failed to satisfy a court judgment.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2701036259 and a \$2,500 fine.

PAINT CITY CONTRACTORS, INC. BALTIMORE, MD

File Number 2003-00938

COMPLAINANT - Anonymous

VIOLATIONS – Paint City Contractors' felony convictions violate the Board's statute and regulations. In addition, Paint City Contractors failed to provide required notice to the Board. BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705009420 and a \$1,000 fine.

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About DPOR and the Board for Contractors:

The Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR) administers and enforces laws regulating 31 commercial occupations and certain professions. The agency licenses or certifies more than 265,000 individuals and businesses ranging from architects and contractors to cosmetologists and professional wrestlers.

DPOR investigates reports of regulatory violations by licensees; pursues complaints of criminal activity by unlicensed practitioners; responds to business-related consumer inquiries and requests for license checks; administers recovery funds for consumers harmed in contractor or real estate transactions; and conducts mediation services and public awareness campaigns.

The Board for Contractors licenses over 90,000 Virginia businesses and individuals. The Board is composed of a Class A general contractor; a sub-contractor; contractors specializing in utilities, commercial and industrial buildings, single-family residences, and home improvements; a building supplier; a local building official; licensed tradesmen in plumbing, electrical, and heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC); and two citizen members.

The Board administers the Virginia Contractor Transaction Recovery Fund, which provides monetary relief to consumers who incur losses through the improper and dishonest conduct of a licensed contractor. The fund is supported entirely by assessments paid by licensed contractors, not by any tax revenues.

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